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Vancouverism vs. Lower Manhattanism: an insightful look at what works - and what doesn't - in both. — Some thoughtful (some amusing) solutions to green belt development in the U.K. and avoid "crappy little noddy houses." — A look at seven towns that flaunt New Urbanism. — A study launched to research the results of a five-year-old Smart Growth Act in Wisconsin. — An upcoming symposium will explore remaking the Pittsburgh region. — "Designing with Nature": a book written in the 1960s that holds lessons for our future. — ArchFest 2005 in Boston looks at solving global warming architecturally. — An Australian architect living in Tokyo says there's just too much gray. — Paris may get a new museum after all (designed by Gehry this time). — New building at Eden Project inspired by the geometry of a sunflower. — Move over Oklahoma City, Omaha, and Des Moines: Tulsa hopes its new arena will revitalize its downtown - and put it on the international architectural map. — Bata says bye-bye to his modernist-era Toronto landmark to make way for Correa/Maki-designed spiritual center, museum, and public park. — Warsaw has high hopes that Libeskind tower will bring nightlife to business district. — An exhibition pays attention to Washington, DC's least known, most important architect. — Lights Out New York takes off to protect migrating birds.

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INSIGHT: Vancouverism vs. Lower Manhattanism: Shaping the High Density City. By Trevor Boddy [images]- ArchNewsNow

Why we should junk the green belt: ...our planning system is destroying the countryside it is meant to be saving...So, how are we going to stop the onward march of the crappy little noddy house? By Kevin McCloud- The Times (UK)

7 'retro' towns in fashion now: Planned communities have a new look and feel...would you live in one? Dubbed the "new urbanism"... -- Peter Katz; Leon Krier [slide show]- CNN

Have Land Reforms Encouraged Active Lifestyles? Virginia Tech's Metropolitan Institute is evaluating land reforms implemented after the Smart Growth Act five years ago in Wisconsin.- Newswise

Carnegie Mellon School of Architecture's Cornerstones Symposium 2005: Remaking the Pittsburgh Region - October 5- Carnegie Mellon University

<u>Using Technology to Combat Nature Has Environmental and Economic Costs: "Design with Nature"</u> ...written in the 1960s by landscape architect lan L. McHarg — and it is also precisely what we have not done in the Gulf Coast region...By Roger K. Lewis-Washinton Post

Solving global warming architecturally: The people who will design, plan and construct the future of Boston are brainstorming ideas that will eventually shape the look of the city. — Ed Mazria- The Tufts Daily

Commentary: Too much gray in Tokyo: Are these "gray zones" of Tokyo any different from the contemporary built environments of other metropolises? By Julian Worrall -- Kisho Kurokawa; Tadao Ando- Japan Today

François Pinault has abandoned plans to build a contemporary museum in Paris. Will his arch rival do it instead? Bernard Arnault, chairman of LVMH, has hired Canadian architect Frank Gehry to produce designs for a new museum- The Art Newspaper

The Core, inspired by the code 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13... £15m education building opens at Cornwall's Eden Project...design inspired by the plant "architecture" of sunflower heads... By Jonathan Glancey -- Nicholas Grimshaw and Partners/Buro Happold/Anthony Hunt Associates [image]- Guardian (UK)

<u>Tulsa breaks ground with new arena: ...18,000-seat facility...is expected to revitalize a sluggish downtown area and gain notoriety for the city. — Cesar Pelli & Associates/Matrix Architects/ODELL Associates- The Journal Record (Oklahoma)</u>

Spiritual centre moves a step closer: The Aga Khan Council for Canada was granted the opportunity to fill some rather large shoes...community council unanimously voted against designating a former Bata headquarters building as a heritage site. — John C. Parkin (1960s); Charles Correa/Fumihiko Maki- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Libeskind to Build Warsaw Tower: ...building a residential tower in Warsaw's growing downtown business district..."can avoid a...district that is dark at night, where people don't live." [image]- Moscow Times (Russia)

'Red Architect' Adolf Cluss: A Study in Sturdy: ...without question the least known of Washington's most important architects. By Benjamin Forgey- Washington Post

City's Bird Brains: ...all lights decorating the outside of buildings above the 40th floor to be turned off by midnight from now until the end of October...Lights Out New York...is designed to help hundreds of thousands of migrating birds navigate safely through the Big Apple on their annual route south.- New York Post

Op-Ed: Modern Ironies: Notes on Losing the Bunshaft's Travertine House (1963). By Kenneth Caldwell [images]- ArchNewsNow

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